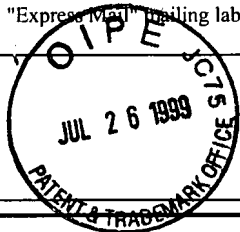


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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/853,323, filed May 8, 1997, entitled LINEAR POLISHER AND METHOD FOR SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER PLANARIZATION.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific request required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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| | TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c)) | - 20 = | | x \$ 18.00 | \$ |
| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)) | - 3 = | | x \$ 78.00 | |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)) | | | + \$ 260.00 | |
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| | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | | |
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6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

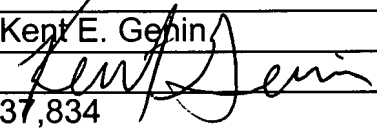
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to

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- a. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: Copy of Petition for 3 month Extension of Time filed July 26, 1999.

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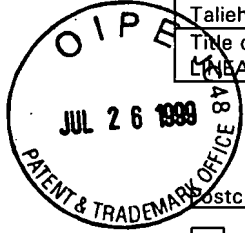
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| 10. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED | |
|---|--|
| NAME | Kent E. Gehin |
| SIGNATURE |  |
| Registration No. | 37,834 |
| DATE | July 26, 1999 |

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| Inventor(s) Talieh et al. | | | |
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Extension of Time transmittal; Check for \$870.00 (fee); Transmittal (in duplicate); Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition for a 3 month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$870.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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